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Amendment and Response to Third Office Action

RE: Application No. 10/080,248

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Title of Invention: Bandsaw With Double-Edged Blade and Opposing Thrust Rollers

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In response to: Third Office Action Summary Mailed 11/03/04

In response to the USPTO's First Office Action mailed 5/23/03; the examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph, the Disclosure and Claims have been re-written using the same numbering system as appears in the published copy of Application # 10/080,248.

No new matter is being introduced here but additional prior art references are cited in order to more narrowly define the Background of the Invention and better explain how this invention differs from the Prior Art thus defined.

The Examiner's specific objections to Claims 1, 2, and 6 are addressed under paragraph (0009) in which applicant points out the novelty of the present invention over prior art in terms of the narrower definition of "wood-cutting" and "metal-cutting" bandsaws offered in paragraph 3 of the Specification, under "Field of the Invention". Other paragraphs were re-written to comply with the narrower definition of a wood and metal cutting bandsaw as defined in various additional references to prior art.

Claims 1 through 8 have been cancelled and replaced by new Claims 9 through 16 which contain no new matter but are re-written to more accurately define what is being patented. A narrower definition of the typical bandsaw has been applied throughout in order to clarify the substance of what is being claimed.

As required by 37 CFR 1.125 a marked-up copy of the Specification is enclosed showing deletions in parenthesis with additions underlined.

Amendments to FIGS. 5, 6, 7, and 8 are enclosed and submitted for Examiner's approval. They contain no new matter but have been amended to provide additional numerical references pertinent to the expanded definitions and clarifications of the Amended Application.

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